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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 09/683,381
Our Docket # F-442

Enclosed please find a response to the March 13, 2003 Office Action in the above referenced application.

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2. Amendment Transmittal Letter and Fee (2 pages);
3. Amendment in Response to March 13, 2003 Office Action (11 pages);
4. Request for Approval of Proposed Drawing Changes (2 pages).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: F-442
) Customer No.: 00919
Robert A. Cordery, et al.)
) Examiner: Woo, Richard Sukyoon
Serial No.: 09/683,381) Group Art Unit: 3629
Filed: December 19, 2001)
Confirmation # 7716) Date: August 13, 2003

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR NOTIFYING MAIL USERS OF MAIL
PIECE CONTAMINATION

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents
PO BOX 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have amended the specification as suggested to show reference numerals 504, 505. Accordingly, no changes to the drawings are proposed for those objections.

In FIG. 5B, Applicants propose changing reference "D" to "F", reference "B" to "C" and reference "C" to "D" in order to be consistent with FIGs. 5C and 5D.

Applicants have amended paragraph 46 accordingly.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review and approve the proposed drawing corrections. Only minor reference changes are proposed. Accordingly no redline sketches are enclosed.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (203) 924-3180.

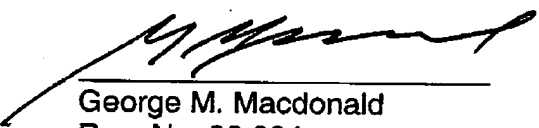
No fee, is believed due with this response. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-442.

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In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-442.

Respectfully submitted,


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